



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Fishponds Committee meeting held in the Bartholomew Room
on Monday 11 August 2014 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Mrs V Hughes (Chair), Mr G Beach, Ms S Brown, Ms S Osborne.

1. **Apologies for absence** – none
2. **Declarations of interest** – none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting 17 June 2014** were approved and signed.
4. **Public participation** – none.

5. **Foray update on reports** – Freshwater Habitats Trust have completed their survey although not submitted their report yet, however they have told us that on species alone with over 50 different invertebrates recorded it qualifies as a Priority Pond. The Flora survey has also been completed although the final report is missing conclusions. The small mammals' survey will be done in September when there should be most animals about. When all the reports have been received we will post them on line and draw up a 10 year proposed management plan.

6. **Suggestions for major works** – Eynsham Rotary has approached the Parish Council to put forward projects which the Rotary could fund and which would benefit the whole village. After discussion of two or three suggestions it was decided to put forward the plan to build a ramp to access the bridge over the Old Chilbrook and to improve the footpaths for wheel chair users and for pushchairs, making the whole area accessible. Also to put a map of the paths in the car park this would provide the opportunity for Eynsham Rotary to publicise their participation.

7. **Maintenance schedule for 2014-15** – This was discussed in detail and amended as required (copy attached). It was decided that the Probation Service be asked to reinstate the path to the Blackthorn Clump on one of their visits to the village. It was also decided to specify volunteer days as previous years and publicise them in the Christmas edition of Eynsham News as well as entering them on the village on line diary.

8. **Date of Next Meeting** – Tuesday 13 January at 6.30. The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Recommendations to the Council:

Consideration be given to putting £2000 into the Fishponds budget next year for a replacement information board in the car park and for the possibility that one or more of the chestnut trees may need to be felled.